PRESENT—*cont.*

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Srinivasan, Rao Bahadur R.
Sriramulu, Mr. G.
Subbarayan, Dr. P.
Subrahmanya Chetti, Rao Sahib P.
Subrahmanya Bhatt, Mr. U. C.
Sundara Rao Nayudu, Mr. T.
Syed Tajuddin Sahib Bahadur, Khan Sahib.
Tampoe, I.C.S., Mr. A. McG. C.
Thangal, Mr. P. M.
Thomas, Mr. Daniel.
Thorne, C.I.E., I.C.S., Mr. J. A.
Vasudeva Pillai, Mr. V. G.
Vedachala Mudaliyar, Mr. M.
Venkatachala Reddiyar, Mr. K. C. M.
Venugopal Nayudu, Rao Bahadur R. K.
Viswanatha Rao, Diwan Bahadur V. N.
Yahya Ali Sahib Bahadur, Khan Bahadur.
Yakub Hasan, Mr.
Zamindar of Mirzapuram.

I.—QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

STARRED QUESTIONS

Local Self-Government

Working of the scheme of appointing Commissioners to Municipalities.

* 716 *Q.*—Mr. K. A. Nachiyappa Gounder: Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(*a*) how does the scheme of appointment of Commissioners to municipalities work;

(*b*) which of the municipalities have got Commissioners so far;

(*c*) who the person working as Commissioner in each municipality is;

(*d*) what the post held by him previous to this was;

(*e*) what his pay and allowances then and now are;

(*f*) what his qualifications are; and

(*g*) to which of the municipalities the Government yet propose to appoint Commissioners?

A.—(*a*) The scheme has been working satisfactorily.

(*b*), (*c*), (*d*), (*e*) & (*f*) A tabular statement[a] is appended.

(*g*) The Government have under consideration the question of notifying other municipalities in the near future for the appointment of a commissioner; but it is not possible to say definitely at this stage, which those municipalities will be.

Diwan Bahadur C. S. Ratnasabhapati Mudaliyar:—" With reference to the answer to clause (*a*) of this question, may I ask the Hon. the Chief Minister, in how many municipalities the scheme was opposed? "

The Hon. the Raja of Bobbili:—" I cannot give the exact number. It may be about three or four."

Diwan Bahadur C. S. Ratnasabhapati Mudaliyar:—" If three or four municipalities did not want commissioners, can it be said that the scheme has been working satisfactorily? "

[a] Printed as Appendix I on pages 472–473 infra.

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The Hon. the RAJA OF BOBBILI:—" I cannot give a clear answer to the question of my hon. Friend, whether the appointment of commissioners has been in all cases satisfactory. The appointments have been made and a trial has to be given to see whether this scheme would work satisfactorily. The Government felt that in the interests of the administration it is desirable to have such appointments."

Diwan Bahadur C. S. RATNASABHAPATI MUDALIYAR:—" It was stated yesterday when the question of appointment of executive officers to district boards was discussed, that a trial should be given to this scheme, and if it is required to extend the system to district boards. We should wait to see if it had worked satisfactorily.

" I find that the commissioner of the Saidapet municipality has been transferred to Negapatam. May I know on what grounds he was transferred? "

The Hon. the RAJA OF BOBBILI:—" The transfer was made for administrative convenience. It was felt that the Saidapet Municipality may not be able to pay the high salary of this officer for a long time."

Diwan Bahadur C. S. RATNASABHAPATI MUDALIYAR:—" For Tanjore, which is a headquarter municipality you have appointed a low-paid commissioner getting a conveyance allowance of Rs. 20; whereas for Tuticorin which is a smaller municipality the commissioner gers a higher salary as well as higher conveyance allowance. Again, I find that the Vellore commissioner gets only a conveyance of Rs. 15 for touring the whole municipality. I wish to know whether the Government have satisfied themselves that, irrespective of pay, these conveyance allowances are adequate? "

The Hon. the RAJA OF BOBBILI:—" The conveyance allowance is fixed in the case of class 3 commissioners to correspond to what deputy tahsildars receive in Government service."

Diwan Bahadur C. S. RATNASABHAPATI MUDALIYAR:—" What is done when these officers are appointed to class 2 municipalities; do they draw any higher allowance then? "

The Hon. the RAJA OF BOBBILI:—" We take into consideration each case separately. I cannot answer a general question like that. Generally, employees of local bodies who have been appointed commissioners will be drawing a lower pay than Government servants."

Mr. G. R. PREMAYYA:—" May I know, Sir, why some are given special pay and some are not? "

The Hon. the RAJA OF BOBBILI:—" I shall be glad if the hon. Member mentions any particular case."

Mr. G. R. PREMAYYA:—" I find from the list that some commissioners are given special pay in addition to their regular pay and some are not given special pay."

The Hon. the RAJA OF BOBBILI :—" Commissioners selected from the Revenue Department are given special pay. In other cases, the special pay is included in the regular pay."

Appointment of Commissioners to Municipalities.

* 717 *Q.*—Mr. A. B. SHETTY : Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(*a*) the municipalities for which Commissioners are proposed to be appointed in the course of this year; and

(*b*) the grounds on which municipalities are selected for appointing Commissioners?

A.—(*a*) The attention of the hon. Member is invited to the answer to clause (*g*) of question No. 716.

(*g*) The grounds on which municipalities are selected for the appointment of a commissioner are mentioned in each case in the notification under section 12 C of the Madras District Municipalities Act published in Part I-A of the *Fort St. George Gazette.*

Admission of the subjects of Indian States into the educational institutions in the Madras Presidency.

* 718 *Q.*—Mr. M. S. SRESHTA : Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that over and above the number of seats allotted to the Indian States, a large number of Indian States candidates have obtained admission to (1) the Medical College, (2) Lady Willingdon Medical School, (3) the School of Indian Medicine, (4) the Teachers' College at Saidapet, and (5) the Engineering College at Guindy (Engineering class and Probationary Subordinate class);

(*b*) if so, under what circumstances;

(*c*) whether complaints have recently been received by the Government that candidates from Indian States have managed to secure admission by representing that they were British subjects; and

(*d*) whether candidates are expected to produce any evidence to show that they are British subjects?

A.—An answer is furnished in the statement[a] attached.

Diwan Bahadur C. S. RATNASABHAPATI MUDALIYAR :—" In the statement furnished in answer to clause (*d*) of this question, I find it stated that in certain cases of doubt, certificates showing that the candidates are British subjects were obtained. Did the certificates disclose that they were different from the statements made in the application?"

The Hon. the RAJA OF BOBBILI :—" I have no information."

[a] Printed as Appendix II on pages 474–475 infra.